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SUBJECT: STATEMENT OF FONMIN SAUVAGNARGUES ON CYPRUS

1. DURING PRESS CONFERENCE HELD MORNING JULY 22, PRESS SERVICE QUOTES FONMIN SAUVAGNARGUES AS SAYING HE HAD BEEN IN TOUCH 4 TIMES JULY 21 WITH SECRETARY KISSINGER AND FONMIN CALLAGHAN AND THAT IN HIS ROLE AS EC REPRESENTATIVE, HE MADE DEMARCHES TO THE GREEK AND TURKISH GOVERNMENTS THE PRECEDING NIGHT. SAUVAGNARGUES STRESSED THE EFFECTIVENESS OF EC-9 ACTION, IN COORDINATION WITH THAT OF THE UK AND THE US, IN INFLUENCING THE CYPRUS CRISIS.

2. SAUVAGNARGUES NOTED THAT CONSULTATION WITH THE US HAD FUNCTIONED WELL. "I TOOK THE INITIATIVE LAST SATURDAY TO INFORM MR. KISSINGER OF THE ACTION THAT THE

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9 INTENDED TO UNDERTAKE AND MR. KISSINGER INFORMED ME
FOUR TIMES OF HIS INTENTIONS. THERE WERE THUS EFFECTIVE
PARALLEL AND CONVERGENT ACTIONS. THE PRESIDENT OF THE
EC SHOWED THAT IT WAS CAPABLE OF ACTING ON AN URGENT
MATTER IN AN EFFECTIVE MANNER. THE CYPRIOT CRISIS IS
SERIOUS, BUT WE HAVE A REASONABLE HOPE THAT THINGS WILL
RETURN PROGRESSIVELY TO ORDER . . . THE COMMUNITY OF
THE 9 HAS JUST MARKED ITS EXISTENCE AND ITS WEIGHT ON
THE INTERNATIONAL LEVEL. THIS IS IN SOME CONTRAST WITH
WHAT HAPPENED SEVERAL MONTHS AGO, NOTABLY AT THE TIME

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3. SAUVAGNARGUES ALSO INDICATED HE HAD INFORMED THE
USSR OF HIS INTENTIONS AND WOULD CALL FOREIGN MINISTER
GROMYKO TODAY.

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